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MR. SPEAKER : Amendment moved—

"In clause 12, for the existing heading, substitute the following heading, namely, 'Tribunal to give decision in certain cases remanded by the High Court.'"

The amendment was put and carried.

Clause 12, as amended, was put and carried.

Clauses 13 and 14 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill, 1956, as amended, be passed."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill, 1956, as amended, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill as amended was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS LAND REVENUE (SURCHARGE AND ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE) AMENDMENT BILL, 1956.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill[a], 1956, and move—

"That the Bill be taken into consideration."

Sir, the Indian Coinage Act was amended by the Parliament with a view to provide for the replacement of the existing system of coinage by a decimal system. An Act of Parliament introducing the decimal system of coinage would not automatically have the effect of making consequential changes in the State enactments So, specific amendments to the respective statutes are necessary. This Bill seeks to amend the relevant provisions of the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Act, 1954, and the Madras Land Revenue (Additional Surcharge) Act, 1954, so as to bring them into conformity with the provisions of the Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, 1955.

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved—

"That the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

The Motion is now before the House for discussion.

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there has been some controversy as to the desirability or otherwise of introducing the decimal system of coinage into which we need not go. While the Government have taken the opportunity to amend the two Acts referred to in the Bill, I would like to know what steps the Government have so far taken to familiarise the people with the details of the decimal system so that the difficulties and complications that would arise at the initial and transitional stage might be avoided. If nothing has been done so far, I would request the Government to see that due propaganda is made among the people affected so that the transition from the present system of coinage to the decimal system may be made easy.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In the process of familiarising the people with the decimal system, the introduction of this Bill itself may be taken as one step. The introduction of this new coinage system does not come all of a sudden on one particular day. Side by side with the new coinage, the old coinage also will be in circulation. People will have sufficient time to get themselves familiarised with the new coinage. So, there will not be much difficulty.

10-10 a.m. SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இம்மாதிரி நாணயங்களை மாற்றவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதைப்பற்றி கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்லவில்லை. ஏற்கனவே இருக்கக்கூடிய முறையில் என்ன தவறுகள் ஏற்பட்டன என்பதைப்பற்றியும் சொல்லவில்லை. அதனால் இப்பொழுது நாணய முறையை மாற்றியமைக்க வேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? இவ்விதம் ஒரேயடியாக நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டால் அதனால் ஜனங்களுக்கு அசௌகரியம் ஏற்படலாம் என்பதையும் அரசாங்கம் அறிந்ததாகவே தெரியவில்லை. இப்படி மாற்றுவதால் சாதாரண ஜனங்களுக்கும் ஏழை ஜனங்களுக்கும் பல கஷ்டங்கள் ஏற்படலாம். அப்படிப்பட்ட கஷ்டங்கள் ஏற்படுவதற்கு முன்னதாகவே அவர்களுக்கு அவைகள் ஏற்படாத வண்ணம் ஏதாவது அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா என்பதையும் அறியவிரும்புகிறேன். ஆகவே இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் முறையை மாற்றி அமைக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன என்பதை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்லவேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

*THE HON. SRI M. A MANICKAVELU : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, டெசிமல் சிஸ்டம் ஒரு நல்ல சிஸ்டம் என்று கருதி இதைக் கொண்டுவருகிறார்கள். அதாவது நாணய செலாவணி 100, 50, 25, 10 என்றிருந்தால் கணக்கிடுவதற்கு சௌகர்யமாக இருக்கும் என்று கருதி அரசாங்கம் இந்த முறையைக் கையாளப்போகிறார்கள். இம்மாதிரி சிஸ்டம்தான் வெளிநாடுகளில் இருக்கிறது. அதைப்போலவே இங்கும் இருக்கவேண்டும் என்பதற்காகத்தான் இந்த முறையைக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்களே தவிர வேறு ஒரு காரணத்திற்கும் அல்ல. இந்த முறையை திடீரென்று இப்பொழுது கொண்டுவரப்போவது இல்லை. இதைப்பற்றி ஜனங்கள் தெரிந்துகொண்டபின்தான் இது அமுலுக்கு வரப்போகிறது. இதுவரையிலும் பழக்கமுள்ள நாணயங்கள் இன்னும் கொஞ்ச நாளைக்கு அமுலில் இருக்கும். இதைக்கொண்டுவருவதனால் ஒன்றும் குடிமுழுகிப் போகப்போகிறது இல்லை என்று நினைக்கிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956, be taken into consideration."

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The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2, 3 and 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956, be passed."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge and Additional Surcharge) Amendment Bill, 1956, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 21 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *re* CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, under rule 21 (3) of the Assembly Rules, I move—

"That the order of business as set in the agenda for 24th October 1956 be revised and that the Resolution of Thanks to the Hon. Speaker and the Resolution of Thanks to the retiring Members of Madras Legislative Assembly consequent on the reorganization of States be taken up before the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Amendment Bill, 1956, and the Madras Money-Lenders' Bill, 1955."

The motion was put and carried.

VII.—RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE HON SPEAKER AND RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS CONSEQUENT ON THE REORGANIZATION OF STATES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I move the following resolutions :—

"That the thanks of this Assembly be given to Mr. Speaker for his distinguished services in the Chair from the 27th September 1955; that he be assured that this Assembly greatly appreciates the zeal, ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of his high office and the judgment and firmness with which he has maintained its privileges and dignity; and that this Assembly desires to place on record its deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the courtesy and attention which he has uniformly shown to its Members, which has earned him the respect and esteem of all sections of this Assembly.

That the thanks of this Assembly be given to the Members of the South Kanara and Malabar districts and the Member for